

300. UPLAND GAME BIRDS.

(a) Resident Upland Game Birds

(1) General Seasons: Shotgun; Crossbow; and Pistol/Revolver for Blue/Ruffed Grouse Only; Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(A) Pheasants	The second Saturday in November extending for 44 consecutive days	<p>Bag Limit: 2 males per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 males per day after the first two days of the season</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit</p>
3. Area: Statewide		
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
<p>(B) Quail [including California (valley) quail, mountain quail, and Gambel's (desert) quail]</p> <p>Mountain Quail only:</p> <p>All species:</p> <p>All species:</p>	<p>See area zone descriptions for details</p> <p>a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October</p> <p>General Quail Season (Zone A) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January</p> <p>b. Early Coastal Season (Zone B) - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January</p>	<p>Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit</p>

All species:	c. Balance of the State Season (Zone C) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
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QUAIL HUNTING ZONE AREA DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Zone Descriptions:

a. **Zone A:**

The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests.

b. **Zone B:**

The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino.

c. **Zone C:**

The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone B (the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino).

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(C) Chukar (Red-Legged Partridges)	The third Saturday in October through the last Sunday in January	Bag Limit: 6 chukar per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit

3. Area: Statewide

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for two consecutive days	<p>See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.)</p> <p>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season</p> <p>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season</p>

SAGE GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS AND PERMIT PROCESS

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

a. **East Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 502 in the town of Ravendale; north and east on County Road 502 to County Road 526 (Buckhorn Road); east on County Road 526 to the Nevada state line; south along the Nevada state line to its intersection with County Road 320 (Wendel-Flanigan Road); northwest on County Road 320 to its intersection with Highway 395 between Wendel and Litchfield north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

b. **Central Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 513 (Termo-Grasshopper Road); east on County Road 513 to its intersection with County Road 523 (Westside Road); north on County Road 523 to its intersection with County Road 525 (Brockman Road); east on County Road 525 to its intersection with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 36 in the town of Johnstonville; west on Highway 36 to its intersection with Highway 139 in Susanville; north on Highway 139 to the point of beginning.

c. **North Mono Zone:**

That portion on Mono county beginning at the intersection of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 167; west along Highway 167 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 182 at Bridgeport; north along Highway 182 to the point of beginning.

d. **South Mono and Inyo Zone:**

That portion of Mono and Inyo counties beginning at the intersection of Highway 167 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to the second crossing of Highway 266; west along Highway 266 to Highway 168; south and west along Highway 168 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 167; east along Highway 167 to the point of beginning. **The following area within this open zone is closed to hunting sage grouse:** That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and Benton Crossing Road; north and east along Benton Crossing Road to State Highway 120; north and east on State Highway 120 to U.S. Highway 6; south on U.S. Highway 6 to U.S. Highway 395; north and west on U.S. Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

No open season in the balance of the state not included in the above open zones.

4. Number of Permits:

- a. **East Lassen Zone:** 100 permits
- b. **Central Lassen Zone:** 40 permits
- c. **North Mono Zone:** ~~25~~10 permits
- d. **South Mono and Inyo Zone:** 25 permits

5. Permit Process:

The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by public drawing. All applicants shall apply either on a postcard or through the Internet at the License and Revenue Branch Home Page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lrb> and select sage grouse drawing. All applicants must provide their name, address, zip code, hunting license number, and the zone they wish to hunt. Applicants shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone. Up to four hunters may apply as a party. All hunters' names, addresses, and hunting license numbers must be included on the application. Postcard applications for all hunts shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. Applications must be received before the close of the business day on the second Monday of August for all open zones (East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone). Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be advertised by news release following each drawing. Applications for remaining permits shall be mailed to the above address with the same required information. Successful drawing applicants previously selected, or hunt party members, may not apply for remaining permits.

6. Falconry Only Permits:

Applicants desiring to use a sage grouse permit during the falconry-only season must declare upon the application that the permit is for falconry only.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to 2 blue grouse• up to 2 ruffed grouse• or one of each Possession Limit: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)

BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for blue and ruffed grouse includes the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of blue or ruffed grouse.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(F) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season

PTARMIGAN HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:

a. **Fall Season:**

All counties except San Diego County

b. **Spring Season:**

Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, sections 311 and 354)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(A) Pheasants	The second Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 pheasants per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit; the daily archery bag may contain not more than one female pheasant

3. Area:

Statewide

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
<p>(B) Quail (all species)</p> <p>Mountain Quail only:</p> <p>All species:</p> <p>All species:</p> <p>All species:</p>	<p>The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general seasons as follows:</p> <p>a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October</p> <p>General Quail Season (Zone A) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January</p> <p>b. Early Coastal Season (Zone B) - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January</p> <p>c. Balance of the State Season (Zone C) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January</p>	<p>Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit</p>
3. Area:	Statewide	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(C) Chukar	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season	<p>Bag Limit: 6 chukar</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit</p>
3. Area:	Statewide	

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 2 consecutive days	<p>See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.)</p> <p>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day</p> <p>Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season</p> <p>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day</p> <p>Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season</p>
3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(D)3], which include portions of Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details.	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season from the second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	<p>Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day</p> <p>Bag Limit Makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 2 blue grouse • up to 2 ruffed grouse • or one of each <p>Possession Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)
3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(E)3], which include northern and eastern portions of the state	

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(F) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season
3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(F)3], which include portions of Alpine and Mono counties	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)
3. Area: a. Fall Season: All counties except San Diego County b. Spring Season: Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County		

(3) Falconry Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours
(A) Pheasants (B) Quail (C) Chukar (D) Blue and Ruffed Grouse (E) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	October 1 extending through the last day in February	Bag and Possession Limits: same as general season regulations by species. The daily falconry bag may contain birds of either sex. Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.
3. Area:	See open zone descriptions for details on each species [Section 300(a)(1)]	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(F) Sage Grouse	The first Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days, and during the general season	See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.) East Lassen and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.
3. Area:	See open zone descriptions [Section 300(a)(1)(D)3]; hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details [Section 300(a)(1)(D)5].	

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:

- a. **Fall Season:**
All counties except San Diego County
- b. **Spring Season:**
Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

(b) Migratory Upland Game Birds

(1) Shotgun, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 507)

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(A) Band-Tailed Pigeons	a. Northern Zone - The third Saturday in September extending for 9 consecutive days b. Southern Zone - The third Saturday in December extending for 9 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit

BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

- a. **Northern Zone:**
Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino,

Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

b. Southern Zone:

Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(B) Doves (Mourning doves, white-winged doves, spotted doves, and ringed turtle doves)	September 1 - 15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for an additional 45 days	<p>Bag Limit: Spotted doves and ringed turtle doves shall be included in the bag and possession limit set for the mourning doves and white-winged doves.</p> <p>10 doves per day in aggregate of the above listed dove</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit in aggregate of the above listed dove</p>
<p>3. Area:</p> <p>Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.</p>	<p>Statewide for mourning doves.</p> <p>White-winged doves may be taken only in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.</p>	
Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
(C) Common Snipe	The third Saturday in October extending for 107 days	<p>Bag Limit: 8 per day</p> <p>Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit</p>
3. Area:	Statewide	

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203 and 355, Fish and Game Code.

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